

P-421/CP-86-272 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSIONS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Darrel L. Peterson
Cynthia A. Kitlinski
Dee Knaak
Norma McKanna
Patrice M. Vick

Chair
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the North
Branch Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: September 23, 1991

Docket No. P-421/CP-86-272

In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Lindstrom Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

Docket No. P-407, 421/CP-86-526

In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Cambridge Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

Docket No. P-421/CP-86-571

In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Delano Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

Docket No. P-407, 421/CP-87-219

In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Buffalo Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

Docket No. P-421/CP-87-506

ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSIONS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 31, 1991, the Commission issued an Order in each of the above-listed dockets directing the affected telephone companies to consult with one another and the Department of Public Service (the Department) to develop a reliable and uniform traffic study methodology. The Orders further directed the companies to file their revised cost studies and proposed rates based on the agreed uniform traffic study methodology within 45 days of the Orders, i.e. by September 16, 1991.

On September 5, 1991, Eckles Telephone Company (Eckles), an affected telephone company in each of the five dockets joined in this Order, filed a request for a 30 day extension of time for filing its revised cost studies and proposed rates in these matters.

On September 6, 1991, U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC) filed requests in each of these five dockets for a 30 day extension to file its revised cost studies and proposed rates.

On September 17, 1991, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In its requests, USWC indicated that it needed the additional time to develop the uniform traffic study methodology required by the Commission's July 31, 1991 Orders and to include traffic studies for the Belle Plaine, Cologne, New Prague, and Waconia exchanges, the four exchanges that have been recently added to the metro calling area.

It appears that, consistent with the Commission's sense of urgency to proceed with these matters, a 30 day extension will provide a reasonable time frame for filing the quality revised cost studies and proposed rates envisioned in the Commission's July 31, 1991 Orders. The Commission will grant all of the affected telephone companies an additional 30 days, i.e. until October 16, 1991, to make these filings.

ORDER

1. The affected telephone companies in this matter shall have until October 16, 1991 to file their revised cost studies and proposed rates. The affected telephone companies are: U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC), Contel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a GTE Minnesota (GTE Minnesota), Vista Telephone Company of Minnesota (Vista), United Telephone Company (United), Scott-Rice Telephone Company (Scott-Rice), and Eckles Telephone Company (Eckles).
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)